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11. (SBU) We delivered reftel demarche on the IEA 2009-10 budget December 11 to MFA Department of Multilateral Economic Relations Director Pavel Kafka and Ministry of Industry and Trade Power Director Roman Portuzak. There was no immediate response. On December 12, we received an e-mail from Petr Martinek from the MFA Multilateral Economic Relations Department. According to Martinek, the Czechs had outlined their position on the IEA budget in the following text which had already been shared with the IEA Secretariat in Paris: Begin text of Czech position: "We (the GOCR) are open to any discussion on items put forward. At the same time we cannot agree to construct any linkage between adoption of (the) budget envelope and discussion on the IEA future financing. We also believe that any preliminary conditions to such a discussion are not acceptable." End text.

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